



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations**

**Date:** January 23, 2014

**To:** Chair Elizabeth Glidden and Vice Chair Alondra Cano

**Referral to:** Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**Subject:** Membership in Move MN, a legislative coalition

**Recommendation:** Authorize the city to be member of Move MN

**Previous Directives:** City of Minneapolis' Legislative Agenda supports increased funding for all modes of transportation.

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Approved by Gene Ranieri \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee: Gene Ranieri

### **Supporting Information**

A coalition of local governments, transportation advocates and private companies has been formed to secure the passage of a transportation finance program by the 2014 Minnesota legislature. Move MN currently counts 130 organizations (membership attached) and anticipates additional members prior to the start of the 2014 session. Move MN has a statewide vision for roads, bridges, and bike and pedestrian paths. While Move MN has not adopted a specific agenda, the coalition has adopted four principles for a transportation funding package. The principles follow:

- Comprehensive. The package must include funding for roads, highways, transit bike and pedestrian systems throughout the state on both the state and local systems. In addition, the state must work to continue to improve the efficiency of transportation construction and operations.
- Sustainable. The state needs a long-term, sustainable funding solution that grows with the economy so that the state transportation needs can be met. In addition, investments for bicycle and pedestrian connections have been inconsistent, resulting in a patchwork of unsafe or incomplete systems throughout the state.
- Dedicated. New transportation funding must be dedicated to building and maintaining the state's transportation system, similar to the state's gas tax and the metro area's sales tax.
- Balanced. A funding package must be fair and balance between transportation modes, as well as between Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities metro area. Move MN supports a transportation system that serves all Minnesotans equitably.

Move MN's principles are consistent with those of the City of Minneapolis. Membership in Move MN should permit the city to engage in the development of its legislative proposal and work with the coalition to pass a transportation funding package. Move MN anticipates completing a legislative proposal prior to the start of session.